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- **[The Sunday Age \(page 1\)](#)** reports that Victorian Premier Daniel Andrews has revealed the penalty for Victoria's cancellation of the 2026 Commonwealth Games will be \$380 million and advised a settlement with organisers gags all parties from discussing the deal. Premier Andrews said the agreement was the best outcome Victoria could get and would avoid a lengthy court battle including a costly "lawyers picnic".
- **[The Sunday Age \(page 1\)](#)** reports that new health performance data from Victorian regional hospitals, such as Ballarat Base Hospital and University Hospital Geelong, reveal that emergency department wait times in regional Victoria average between 28–39 minutes compared to Victoria's state-wide average of 17 minutes. Dr Simon Judkins, the vice president of the Australian Medical Association Victorian, has cited a growing shortage of GPs and medical facilities as well as an increased likeliness of regional Victorians developing chronic illnesses as factors in the increased wait times.
- **[The Sunday Times \(page 1\)](#)** reports that real estate agents are seeing young overseas doctors willing to pay \$1700 rent a week to live in Perth as they move to WA to assist the State's hospital staff shortages. Caporn Young agent Liliana Talemaitoga said "Most are

graduate doctors, aged between 23 and 26 years old. Over the weekend, we met 19 doctors, all of whom need a place to call home for the next 12 months".

- **The Sunday Tasmanian (page 1)** reports that the Tasmanian Health Department has confirmed the Royal Hobart Hospital "is currently experiencing a high level of community demand" following reports the hospital sent a desperate text message on Saturday to all staff asking if they are available to work amid "significant pressure". The health union says a patient was ramped for 19 hours as 92 patients waited at the hospital's emergency department on Friday.
- **The Sunday Telegraph (page 9)** reports that according to the the latest Intergenerational Report, Australia will need to find an extra \$140 billion a year, every year for the next four decades, to pay for health, aged care, the NDIS, defence and interest payments on the national debt. Treasurer Jim Chalmers said that while the Government was "getting the budget in much better nick" the Intergenerational Report showed that the pressure on the budget would rapidly intensify after this year.
- **The Sunday Mail Adelaide (page 4)** reports that major health funds will raise their Gold health premiums by up to 8 per cent in coming months, more than double the average rise announced by the government. Private Healthcare Australia chief executive Dr Rachel David says people with this type of cover are no longer buying insurance, they are essentially paying the full cost of their treatment through the product. Dr Rachel David labeled the cover as "a very expensive savings account."

MINISTER BUTLER

Do no harm

ABC Online, Other, 19/08/2023, Amy Donaldson and Emily Baker

You would expect that if a doctor, nurse or psychologist had been found to have kissed, groped or had sex with a patient, they would no longer be allowed to practise. [...] When Four Corners sent its findings to Federal Health Minister Mark Butler, he called for a rapid review of whether recommendations from previous reviews had been promptly implemented.

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Former politician Giulia Jones says she received 'pushback' when seeking a mammogram. Her persistence resulted in a breast cancer diagnosis

ABC Online, Other, 19/08/2023, Tahlia Roy

Former act politician Giulia Jones said her breast cancer was "caught by chance" during a playful interaction with her daughter, but added that she had to fight to access a free screening mammogram before receiving a diagnosis. [...] The ABC asked Health Minister Mark Butler whether breast screening advice would be updated for Australians aged in their 40s.

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Labor national conference votes to end gay blood ban

Q News, Other, 19/08/2023, Destiny Rogers

Delegates at the Labor National Conference in Brisbane today voted to end the gay blood ban and adopt individual risk assessment for all blood donors. [...] He thanked Federal Health Minister, Mark Butler, and Assistant Health Minister, Ged Kearney, who he said supported the motion.

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MINISTER WELLS

Program to kick in \$200m

Four champions of their sport, including a former Matilda, will head up an expert panel to decide how a \$200m sugar hit for women's sport will be spent across the country. [...] The program will be open for applications from local government and community sporting clubs, but after the sports rorts saga of the previous coalition government, Sports Minister Anika Wells said she would not be making the final decisions on where funding goes.

Also reported by: [Sunday Territorian \(Darwin\)](#)

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Sporting legends help dish out cash

Sunday Times, General News, 20/08/2023, Tess Ikonomou, Page 4

Anthony Albanese says the Women's World Cup has "changed sport in Australia forever" as he detailed a \$200 million boost for women's sport. [...] Sports Minister Anika Wells said providing safer facilities was vital.

Also reported by: [7news.com.au \(Online\)](#), [Daily Mail Australia \(Online\)](#), [Perth Now \(Online\)](#), [The New Daily \(Online\)](#), [Sunday Examiner \(Launceston\)](#), [24ssports News \(Online\)](#), [Daily Mail Australia \(Online\)](#), [ESPN Australia \(Online\)](#).

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FIFA President hails 'transformational' Women's World Cup

asianleisure.biz, Other, 19/08/2023

FIFA President Gianni Infantino has said that the FIFA Women's World Cup 2023 has transformed the face of women's football and appealed to governments, member associations, broadcasters and media to help keep the momentum going towards equality once the tournament ends with its final in Sydney on Sunday. [...] Looking forward to future events, Federal Minister for Sport, Anika Wells noted "while this is almost the end for this Women's World Cup, it is only the start of a new era for sport in Australia.

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Women's World Cup LIVE: Matildas inspire \$200m government pledge but how much will football get?

keepup.com.au, Other, 19/08/2023

It has already been an historic campaign for the Matildas and Australia can create more history when they meet Sweden in the FIFA Women's World Cup third-place play-off. [...] Minister for Sport Anika Wells added: "The Matildas have changed sport forever and our \$200m Play Our Way program will help the next generation of female athletes enjoy safer sporting facilities.

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The govt is announcing a 'yuge funding boost to women's sport after a ripper Matildas World Cup

Pedestrian TV, Other, 19/08/2023

Women's sport in Australia will be copping a much-needed and looooong overdue funding boost courtesy of the federal government. [...] "Too often women and girls are changing in men's bathrooms, wearing hand-me-down boys uniforms, playing with men's equipment on poor fields that boys' teams wouldn't train on," Sports Minister Anika Wells said.

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Federal government announces \$200 million funding for women's sport

SBS, Other, 19/08/2023

The announcement also included a commitment to ensure more Australians are able to access women's sporting events on free-to-air television. [...] Minister for Sport Anika Wells said the Play Our Way program will promote equal access, build more suitable facilities, and support grassroots initiatives to get women and girls to engage, stay, and participate in sports throughout their lives.

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Hotline ready to answer aged care food complaints

Australians living in residential aged care can now complain about the quality of their food via a dedicated telephone hotline. [...] "What older Australians consume and their dining experience has a significant impact on their overall wellbeing," said Aged Care minister, Anika Wells.

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DEPARTMENT

Solo'd out: Why this Hard drink's popularity is tough to swallow

Sunday Age, General News, 20/08/2023, Jessica Yun, Page 15

For Japanese beverages giant and Solo manufacturer Asahi, releasing an alcoholic version of a well-known soft drink has been a commercial masterstroke. [...] The federal Department of Health is a direct partner and active participant in ABAC," Alcohol Beverages Australia executive director Adele Young said in a statement.

Also reported by: [Sydney Morning Herald \(Online\)](#)

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Brace for gold premium pain as costs leap

Sunday Mail Adelaide, General News, 20/08/2023, Sue Dunlevy, Page 4

Major health funds will raise their Gold health premiums by up to a staggering 8 per cent in coming months, more than twice the "average" rise announced by the government. [...] Department of Health figures show Silver products overtook Gold as the most popular type of cover in the last three years.

Also reported by: [Sunday Herald Sun \(Melbourne\)](#), [Sunday Mail Brisbane \(Brisbane\)](#), [Sunday Telegraph \(Sydney\)](#), [Sunday Tasmanian \(Hobart\)](#)

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Inside Qld drug cartels

Sunday Mail Brisbane, General News, 20/08/2023, Kate Kyriacou, Page 1

Pilots, sailors and ships' captains are being recruited by sophisticated drug cartels operating within Queensland to help them get the upper hand in the lucrative drug trade. [...] "Drugs have an impact on everything," Det Insp Leadbetter said. "The health department ... child safety .. street crime it's everything. Drugs impact every part of society."

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Future collaborative possibilities

In The Know, General News, 01/08/2023, Bridget Scrogings, Page 25

Historically, the Australian healthcare system has offered secondary and tertiary prevention services, focusing on treating illnesses when they arise rather than preventing the disease from occurring. [...] According to the Department of Health's Long-Term National Health Plan, primary prevention strategies should involve the collaborative efforts of all health care professionals.

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The latest COVID-19 news and case numbers from each Australian state and territory

ABC Online, Other, 19/08/2023, Erin Cooper-Douglas

The states and territories are now reporting their COVID-19 statistics weekly or fortnightly, instead of the daily updates that were provided in the early days of the pandemic. [...] Source: Federal Department of Health and Aged Care

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CORONAVIRUS

New COVID strain has 30 mutations

Sun Herald, General News, 20/08/2023, Madison Muller, Page 8

A new COVID-19 lineage is being monitored by global health officials because of its large number of mutations that could make it tougher to treat. Not much is known about BA.2.86, which was first spotted by virus trackers last week.

Also reported by: [Sunday Age \(Melbourne\)](#), [Sydney Morning Herald \(Online\)](#).

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AGEING AND AGED CARE

New report to reveal ballooning cost of ageing Australians, servicing debt

NEWS.com.au, Other, 19/08/2023, Ellen Ransley

The "highest priority" of the Albanese government is rolling out billions of dollars in cost-of-living help for Australians "doing it tough", says Treasurer Jim Chalmers. "We're doing that in a way that takes some of the edge off these cost-of-living pressures without adding to inflation in our economy," he said during parliamentary

Also reported by: [West Australian \(Online\)](#), [The Australian \(Online\)](#), [Daily Telegraph Australia \(Online\)](#), [Northern Territory News \(Online\)](#), [The Courier Mail \(Online\)](#).

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'Intensifying': Treasurer's 40 year warning

Yahoo! News Australia, Other, 19/08/2023

Jim Chalmers Australia might have just recorded a \$19 billion surplus, but the Treasurer has warned that the cost of servicing debt and an ageing population will ensue a ballooning in government spending in the decades to come. The Intergenerational Report, to be released on Thursday, will show that spending pressures predominantly around health, aged care, NDIS, defence and interest payments on debt are putting increasing pressure on the budget over the next 40 years.

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POPULATION HEALTH

Why isn't the brain injury crisis in our homes causing as much concern as concussion in sport?

ABC Online, Other, 19/08/2023, Hayley Gleeson

Another week, another professional footballer announcing his retirement after a troubling spate of concussions. This time it's the AFL's Paddy McCartin, who was advised by brain injury specialists to call time on his playing career to minimise the risks of further head trauma.

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Optometrist: The six warning signs your eyes tell you about your health

Daily Mail Australia, Other, 20/08/2023, Louise Allingham

Sophie Koh is an optometrist and National Professional Services Advisor at Optometry Australia and revealed how she can detect a number of chronic diseases like diabetes and even cancer by looking into someone's eyes. She said things like blood specks in the back of the eye, swollen optic nerves and even a grey ring around the cornea could be a sign something more sinister is happening.

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CANCER, HEARING AND CHRONIC CONDITIONS

Cause close to Cat's heart

Geelong Advertiser, General News, 19/08/2023, Michaela Meade, Page 16

AFLW Geelong Cat Annabel Johnson is a new ambassador for Breast Cancer Network Australia a cause close to her heart after losing her grandmother and aunt to the disease. Breast cancer is the most commonly diagnosed cancer in women in Australia, with one in seven woman diagnosed in their lifetime.

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Mildura family shares two-year-old's cerebral palsy journey ahead of STEPtember challenge

7news.com.au, Other, 19/08/2023, Ailish Delaney

"I didn't know what to think. It was very traumatic." When Mildura mum Maddy Hura had a "gut feeling" something was wrong at 39 weeks pregnant, she knew she had to trust herself.

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PRIMARY CARE

Long health wait in the regions

Sunday Age, General News, 20/08/2023, Benjamin Preiss, Page 1

Patients in regional Victoria are languishing in some emergency departments for twice as long as the statewide average, while others endure lengthy waits for elective surgery. [...] Australian Medical Association Victorian vice president Dr Simon Judkins, who works in northern Victoria, said hospital resources had not kept pace with growing regional populations.

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Health hub in West's tough beating heart

Sunday Herald Sun, General News, 20/08/2023, Robyn Riley, Page 26

In the heart of Footscray there's a fancy new hospital in the making that has at its heart the diverse community who has made one of Melbourne's oldest suburbs home. Footscray has always been a

gritty industrial town; tough like its AFL team the Western Bulldogs, colourful like its local characters: think furniture salesman Franco Cozzo.

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Sunday Tasmanian, General News, 20/08/2023, Sue Bailey, Page 1

A patient was ramped for 19 hours as 92 patients waited in the Royal Hobart Hospital's emergency department, the health union says. The Health Department has confirmed the RHH "is currently experiencing a high level of community demand".

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Mum speaks out over son's wait to be heard

Sunday Tasmanian, General News, 20/08/2023, Sue Bailey, Page 4

The head of the state's public sector union has told of the "heartbreak" and challenges her young son faces because of a lack of timely access to a speech and language pathologist. With Speech Pathology Week starting on Sunday, Thirza White, the secretary of the Community and Public Sector Union, says the education workforce is "too stretched to meet demand" and there are long-term vacancies across the state that need to be filled urgently.

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Fashions for a cause

Sunday Territorian, General News, 20/08/2023, Sierra Haigh and Pema Pakhrin , Page 1

Territorians dressed to impress - and support local heroes - at the annual CareFlight Hangar Ball. CareFlight NT fundraising and community engagement manager Joann Rutherford said tickets to the ball sold out and tickets in a \$15,000 diamond raffle were flying out the door.

Also reported by: [The Courier Mail \(Online\)](#), [Daily Telegraph Australia \(Online\)](#), [Northern Territory News \(Online\)](#)

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Hospital baby death

Sunday Times, Edition Changes, 20/08/2023, Page 3

Emergency staff were tragically unable to revive an unresponsive baby that was brought into Fiona Stanley Hospital on Friday. Resuscitation attempts were unsuccessful and the cause of the infant's death was unknown.

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President's message

In The Know, General News, 01/08/2023, Page 2

The community pharmacy profession in Australia is going through a period of huge evolution and change as we progress towards enabling all community pharmacists to be allowed to work to their full scope of practice. The Guild has been advocating strongly that allowing pharmacists to work to full scope and utilising their skills and training will result in better health outcomes and also reduce pressure on the health system particularly the pressure being felt by doctors and emergency departments.

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Building your purpose in pharmacy

In The Know, General News, 01/08/2023, Pamela Bishop, Page 21

Making a Meaningful Difference After more than 20 years in the pharmacy industry across Ireland and Australia, including 16 years with Blooms The Chemist, Australia's leading community pharmacy network, I have witnessed the evolving expectation from consumers and the public that businesses, including pharmacies, be part of the movement to solve global societal and environmental problems. For several years, Blooms The Chemist has been on an Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) journey.

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The benefits of career mentoring

In The Know, General News, 01/08/2023, Janelle Dockray and Laura Johnstone, Page 44

Today we see a pharmacy profession that is continuously evolving, welcoming new opportunities, whether in patient care, service provision or digital technologies. Pharmacists are eager to adopt practice to an expanded scope, undergoing additional training and gaining qualifications and experience in many areas such as wound care, aged care services, medication management reviews, diabetes education, vaccinations, and prescribing.

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Royal Hobart Hospital encounters serious delays in its emergency department

Daily Telegraph Australia, Other, 19/08/2023, Sue Bailey

A patient was stuck in an ambulance for 19 hours as 92 patients waited in the Royal Hobart Hospital's emergency department on Friday, the health union says. Health and Community Services Union assistant secretary Lucas Digney said the patient may have been ramped waiting for a bed for even longer than 19 hours.

Also reported by: [Northern Territory News \(Online\)](#), [The Mercury \(Online\)](#), [The Courier Mail \(Online\)](#).

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Tasman Private Hospital development in New Town, Hobart, won't proceed due to 'cost pressures'

ABC Online, Other, 19/08/2023, Maren Preuss

A private hospital and "one-stop medical precinct" for Hobart will no longer be built, with the developer citing the cost of construction more than doubling. The Tasman Private Hospital was set to be built in New Town on the old WIN TV site and would have included seven operating theatres, 26 overnight beds and hosted related medical services such as a GP clinic, radiology and pathology.

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New board for Mackay Base Hospital to “reform” its past mistakes

Toowoomba Chronicle, Other, 19/08/2023, Estelle Sanchez

Minister Fentiman announced the appointment of a six-member new board for the Mackay Base Hospital that would "reform" the obstetrics and gynaecology departments. A North Queensland Hospital has appointed a new six-member board nearly a year after a damning report on Mackay's obstetrics and gynaecology departments led to the resignation of the CEO and sacking of the board.

Also reported by: [Cairns Post \(Online\)](#), [Daily Mercury News \(Online\)](#).

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MENTAL HEALTH AND SUICIDE PREVENTION

Demand for mental health care soars after island tragedy and suicides

Gold Coast Bulletin, Other, 19/08/2023, Judith Kerr

Macleay Island residents: Trainee paramedic Adrienne Carswell and care worker Teddie McElroy are campaigning for better mental health services on the four bay islands. The state government plans to step up mental health services to a remote island community, where there were four suicides in five months last year.

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International student aims to destigmatise mental health discussions

SBS, Other, 19/08/2023, Anita Barar

Ananya Banerjee, a young international student residing in Canberra, is on a mission to reshape the perception of mental health, which has long been considered a delicate and sensitive subject. Ms Banerjee is an international student enrolled at the Australian National University (ANU), pursuing a

Bachelor of Psychology (Hons) degree, and she has been awarded the prestigious Chancellor's Meritorious Scholarship.

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CHIEF NURSING AND MIDWIFERY OFFICE

Australian Nursing Midwifery Federation named as recipient of private patient records sent by Canberra Health Services staff

ABC Online, Other, 19/08/2023, Niki Burnside and Harry Frost

Mental Health Minister Emma Davidson has named the ACT's Australian Nursing Midwifery Federation (ANMF) branch as the recipient of private patient documents sent by Canberra Health Services (CHS) staff, in an alleged breach of privacy laws. CHS revealed earlier this week that staff had 'deliberately' sent the clinical records of 13 mental health patients to an "industrial partner" , but had refused to name it until now.

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HEALTH WORKFORCE

Bad doctor training risks greater chaos

Sunday Canberra Times, Editorials, 20/08/2023, Page 21

It's hardly news that medical staff at busy hospitals are overworked. It's almost a given that when it comes to health, hospitals and the medical world, there will never be enough money, time or resources to keep up with the needs of patients. And there will never be a stem in the flow of patients.

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\$1700 a week for rent

Sunday Times, General News, 20/08/2023, Caitlyn Rintoul, Page 1

Young overseas doctors are willing to pay \$1700 rent a week or almost \$90,000 a year so they can live in Perth. An influx of Irish doctors is helping the State solve its crippling hospital staff shortages and, of course, they are willing to pay top dollar to live by the beach.

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St Marys' only doctor quits, citing unsustainable hours, no work-life balance

ABC Online, Other, 19/08/2023, Jessica Moran and Clancy Balen

When Frank Giles accidentally stuck a butcher's knife through his leg in a farming accident a few years ago, he thought he might die. He credits his local general practitioner Cyril Latt with saving his life.

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Doctor numbers up by 15% since pandemic, AHPRA says

Australian Doctor, Other, 19/08/2023, Carmel Sparke

Most of the 'critical pandemic-fuelled' shortages are being addressed but more work is needed, CEO Martin Fletcher says. It may not feel like it, but the health workforce has grown by almost a fifth since the pandemic began, including almost 18,000 newly registered doctors, according to the latest AHPRA figures.

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BENEFITS INTEGRITY

The hospital where locals fear to go

Sunday Mail Adelaide, General News, 20/08/2023, Evangeline Polymeneas, Page 18

When news broke of a six-year-old Berri boy with the flu dying after being sent home from the local hospital, it brought back haunting memories for some residents. Two of those locals were Jack and Poppy Papageorgiou whose 27-year-old son, Theo, died by suicide in 2016 after being sent home from the Riverland General Hospital.

Also reported by: [Daily Telegraph Australia \(Online\)](#)

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Doctor messed up baby circumcision

Sunday Telegraph, General News, 20/08/2023, Page 25

A doctor left a six-day-old baby in intensive care after he mistakenly provided a potentially fatal opioid dose instead of children's Panadol following a circumcision surgery on the newborn. Mohammad Sharier, 45, appeared before Bankstown Local Court on Thursday and pleaded guilty to failing to keep a separate register of drugs of addiction; not storing drugs of addiction separate; and secure and supplying a poison that is not packaged in accordance with the poisons standard.

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SPORT

Young fans urged to go in feet first

Sun Herald, Edition Changes - 2nd Edition, 20/08/2023, Mary Ward, Page 1

A world-leading expert on concussion in football has a warning for parents of children inspired by the Matildas, with one of the senior game's most exciting skills presenting a serious risk for young and inexperienced players. Children across the country are taking a ball to the backyard or park to imitate the plays of the Australian national team, after the team's best-ever performance at this year's home soil FIFA Women's World Cup.

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Scrapping of Games to cost Victoria \$380m

Sunday Age, General News, 20/08/2023, Kieran Rooney, Page 1

The penalty for scrapping the 2026 Commonwealth Games will be \$380 million "and not a dollar more", Premier Daniel Andrews has revealed, saying a settlement with organisers gags all parties from discussing the deal. The state government released a document showing how badly wrong it got the initial Games budget, with the costs of the athletes villages alone blowing out by fourfold to more than \$1 billion.

Similar coverage reported by: [ABC Online \(Online\)](#), [Daily Mail Australia \(Online\)](#), [NEWS.com.au \(Online\)](#), [Yahoo! News Australia \(Online\)](#),

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Victoria's withdrawal from Games costs \$380m

Sunday Canberra Times, General News, 20/08/2023, Duncan Murray, Page 3

The Victorian government has agreed to pay Commonwealth Games bodies \$380 million after cancelling the 2026 event. Premier Daniel Andrews last month said Victoria would not host the Games as planned due to concerns they would far exceed initial cost expectations.

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A statue to help inspire children

Sunday Telegraph, General News, 20/08/2023, Madura McCormack , Page 6

A permanent shrine to the legacy of the Matildas will be built at Suncorp Stadium, with the Queensland government offering to pay for it. It will be the first statue representing female athletes at Lang Park.

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Minns's massive mural of Matildas

Sunday Telegraph, General News, 20/08/2023, Linda Silmalis, Page 7

They came, they scored and now they are to be immortalised a huge public mural to be emblazoned across the outside of Accor Stadium. In acknowledgment of the Matildas' inspiring World Cup run, The Sunday Telegraph can reveal the state government has commissioned a giant artwork of the team to serve as a permanent reminder of their achievement.

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A \$380m fine for Games disgrace

Sunday Telegraph, General News, 20/08/2023, Madeleine Achenza, Page 13

Victorian Premier Dan Andrews has defended his decision to cancel the Commonwealth Games after taxpayers were hit with a \$380m bill. Negotiations finally came to a close yesterday over the government's shock decision to withdraw from the 2026 event.

Also reported by: [Sunday Mail Adelaide \(Adelaide\)](#), [Sunday Tasmanian \(Hobart\)](#).

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Row over athletics numbers explodes

Sunday Telegraph, General News, 20/08/2023, Brent Read, Page 17

The boss of Little Athletics in NSW has hit out at claims their numbers are in decline, accusing the senior body of propagating statements that are incorrect and misleading about the sport. In a further sign of the deteriorating relationship between the two bodies in the state, LA NSW chief executive Chris Giles contacted this masthead in an attempt to clarify claims that Little Athletics numbers have and continue to be in decline.

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It is not full-time on Matildas fairytale

Sunday Telegraph, General News, 20/08/2023, Barry O'Brien, Page 102

They didn't bring home the cup, but the Matildas' triumph in the FIFA Women's World Cup has rewritten the rule book for women's sport in Australia. It is nothing short of a turning point in the history of sport in our nation and rightfully deserves all the fanfare it's receiving.

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Ripped off

Sunday Herald Sun, General News, 20/08/2023, Matt Johnston, Page 1

The Andrews government wasted up to \$600m of taxpayers' money when it axed the Commonwealth Games. While Daniel Andrews declared a \$380m settlement with Games organisers as "the best outcome Victoria could get", it is feared the cost will skyrocket with hundreds of millions outlaid on organisation and staffing.

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Crush on Matildas lights up an issue

Sunday Herald Sun, General News, 20/08/2023, Brayden May and Ben Cameron, Page 6

Soccer clubs across the state fear they will be unable to keep up with the surge in female players following the Matildas' World Cup success. While Victoria is the nation's leader in access to femalefriendly change rooms, conditions on pitches are one of the biggest challenges.

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Only incompetence to blame for colossal Comm Games mess

Sunday Herald Sun, General News, 20/08/2023, Shannon Deery, Page 8

The carefree abandon with which the Andrews government spends money ignores the fact that as a state, we are broke. Our net debt is on track to hit a record \$171bn by 2026-27, and we are spending \$10m a day to service the borrowings.

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Rushed games bid a recipe for disaster

Sunday Herald Sun, General News, 20/08/2023, Matt Johnston, Page 10

The business case used by the Andrews government to sign up to host the Commonwealth Games was so rushed it did not include a proper analysis of "key elements of Games planning". The document, released on Saturday morning after the government agreed to pay \$380m to dump its hosting contract, shows the estimated cost of running the 2026 event provided to Cabinet in February last year was \$2.5-\$3bn.

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Victoria burnt its cash and capital

Sunday Herald Sun, General News, 20/08/2023, Ian Royall, Page 11

The bumper \$380m cost of Victoria's exit from the 2026 Commonwealth Games agreement has been slammed for the harsh financial toll, but also for bludgeoning the state's reputation for hosting major events. Opposition Leader John Pesutto said Victorians had to pay for Premier Daniel Andrews' incompetence and financial mismanagement during a cost-of-living crisis.

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Lessons every code could learn (especially the men)

Sunday Herald Sun, General News, 20/08/2023, David Penberthy, Page 65

It might seem strange to suggest a sporting tournament that delivered an unprecedented level of joy also brought with it danger. But the impact of this remarkable FIFA Women's World Cup is twofold.

Also reported by: [Sunday Mail Brisbane \(Brisbane\)](#), [Sunday Mail Adelaide \(Adelaide\)](#).

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Matildas to make history again

Sunday Mail Brisbane, Edition Changes - Metro, 20/08/2023, Madura McCormack , Page 7

A permanent shrine to the legacy of the mighty Matildas will be built at Suncorp Stadium, with the state government offering to fund a statue for the nation's newest sporting heroes. It will be the latest historycreating moment for the team with the statue the first to represent female athletes at Lang Park, joining those dedicated to rugby league greats including Wally Lewis, Mal Meninga and Arthur Beetson.

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How do we keep players safe in our great game

Sunday Mail Adelaide, General News, 20/08/2023, Rebecca Whitfield-Baker, Page 77

There's nothing my teenage son loves more than playing footy with his mates; the colder, the wetter, the muddier, the more physical, the better. I've got to admit I'm no sportswoman and never have been; my school netball coach's winning tactic was to use me as a decoy, to put the opposition off.

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Full-time for footy final after brawl

Sunday Times, General News, 20/08/2023, Sarah Crawford, Page 2

The Shire of Halls Creek is threatening to ban next year's local football grand final after a fight broke out resulting in the town's top cop being taken to hospital with head injuries. The violence erupted after the final whistle in the match between the Halls Creek Hawks and the Billiluna Kururrungku Roos in the East Kimberley Football League's senior men south grand final on Friday.

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City pool stoush

Geelong Advertiser, General News, 19/08/2023, Alexander Blain, Page 1

The vow that Geelong will still get infrastructure promised for the now-axed Commonwealth Games has put the spotlight on the political football of swimming pools. With three tiers of government, multiple projects, ageing infrastructure and fights over location, scale and cost, the debate is hardly going swimmingly.

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Australia and Saudi Arabia in the box seat to host the 2026 Women's Asian Cup

ABC Online, Other, 18/08/2023

Football Australia is hoping the exploits of the Matildas at the Women's World Cup can put the nation in the box seat to beat emerging superpower Saudi Arabia for hosting rights to the 2026 Women's Asian Cup. After the Matildas were dumped out at the semi-final stage of their home tournament by England on Wednesday, FA's attention will now turn to bringing further competitions to Australian shores.

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Matildas' semifinal loss spurs renewed calls to tackle gender disparity in sports

SBS, Other, 19/08/2023, Bhavya Pandey

Thousands of Matildas fans were left disappointed after the painful loss to England in the semifinals of FIFA Women's World Cup 2023. However, the team has successfully harnessed public support and attention towards disparity faced by women in sports.

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The Matildas hope this World Cup is 'just the beginning' of investment in women's football

SBS, Other, 19/08/2023

The Matildas say this tournament has changed women's sport, but they're urging for further support. Reeling from the heartbreak of falling short in the Women's World Cup semi-finals, the Matildas believe the tournament will have an important legacy.

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A-League looks to cash in on Australia's Women's World Cup success

SBS, Other, 19/08/2023, Ciara Hain

The Women's World Cup may be coming to an end, but A-League and Matildas stars have made one thing clear - it's only the beginning for women's football. This year's A-League season will begin before the men's league for the first time ever - in an effort to cash in on momentum built during the Women's World Cup.

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ABC News, ABC Evening News (Weekend), 19/08/2023, Mariam Saab

The Matildas can add another win to their inspirational World Cup run. PM Anthony Albanese has made an announcement of \$200m funding for women's sport. The announcement took place for the Federal Government's Play Our Way program.

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HEALTH ECONOMICS AND RESEARCH

\$140bn a year to balance budget

Sunday Telegraph, General News, 20/08/2023, James Campbell, Page 9

Australia will need to find an extra \$140 billion a year, every year for the next four decades, to pay for health, aged care, the NDIS, defence and interest payments on the national debt, according to the latest Intergenerational Report to be released on Thursday. The massive predicted increase outlined in the report will see outlays on the Government's "big five" spending areas jump from a third of total federal Government spending to half by the year 2063.

Also reported by: [Sunday Herald Sun \(Melbourne\)](#), [Sunday Tasmanian \(Hobart\)](#), [Sunday Mail Adelaide \(Adelaide\)](#), [The Courier Mail \(Online\)](#), [Northern Territory News \(Online\)](#), [Daily Telegraph Australia \(Online\)](#).

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Intergenerational report to reveal \$140bn budget spend over next 40 years in defence, NDIS, aged care, health and interest on debt

The Australian, Other, 19/08/2023, Simon Benson

State spending on health, the NDIS, aged care, defence and interest payments to service debt will blow out by more than \$140 billion over the next 40 years, revealing the extent of the structural budget crisis facing future governments. Australia's ageing population, increasing demand for public services and growing cost pressures, including defence commitments, are projected to accelerate government spending across five key portfolios by an estimated 5.6 per cent of GDP based on the size of the economy in today's terms.

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Yoga and asthma: Will the downward dog ease your wheeze?

The New Daily, Other, 19/08/2023, John Elder

Is yoga a potential treatment for asthma? The research has been mixed, but people with asthma who practice yoga report feeling better.

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FIRST NATIONS HEALTH

Calls for inquiry into death in custody of Indigenous man previously depicted in hangman game by Canberra prison staff

ABC Online, Other, 19/08/2023, Charlotte Gore and Paul Miller

The death in custody of an Indigenous man who was previously drawn in a game of hangman by Canberra prison staff has prompted calls for an independent inquiry. On the weekend, TJ Dennis, a young Aboriginal man from Canberra, killed himself in the Silverwater Correctional Complex in New South Wales.

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Radioactive capsule held in secret Perth location as specialist team who found it introduced

ABC Online, Other, 19/08/2023, Gian De Poloni and Cason Ho

A lost radioactive capsule that sparked an unprecedented public health emergency is now being held at a secret location in Perth, as authorities unveil the team who found the tiny device in outback WA. The minuscule and potentially hazardous capsule, which made international headlines when it was lost along a 1,400-kilometre journey between a mine site and the city, was found on Wednesday.

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Bali visitors warned after Aussies return with highly infectious virus

Yahoo! News Australia, Other, 19/08/2023, James Clark

Aussies heading overseas are being urged to ensure they're fully vaccinated before they depart the country, following two recent cases of measles in travellers returning from Bali. While now rare in Australia, measles remains a common illness in many popular travel destinations around the world.

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4BC, Weekends, 19/08/2023, Spencer Howson

Interview with Associate Professor Gregor Devine, Mosquito Control Laboratory. Devine says they are interested in surveillance and control of mosquitoes and diseases they transmit. He notes Ross River is Australia's most common mosquito borne disease. He adds they have recently been involved with Japanese encephalitis, noting there were around 40 cases in Australia last year and seven human deaths.

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THERAPEUTIC GOODS ADMINISTRATION

The truth about pigmentation

Sunday Mail Brisbane, Body and Soul, 20/08/2023, Page 16

When I get a breakout, the pimples aren't the problem," admits 30-year-old academic, Brittany Ferdinands. [...] "Look for an SPF50+ approved by the TGA," says Rodrigues, noting that not all sunscreens available on the market are approved, but those that have been carry a small code called an 'AUST L' number on the label.

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How do weight loss drugs Ozempic and Wegovy work and will they be available in Australia?

9News, Other, 19/08/2023, Daniel Jeffrey

The drug Ozempic, created as a diabetes treatment, is gaining popularity as a weight loss solution, driven in part by social media trends and rumours about celebrity use. [...] was approved by the TGA for use in Australia in early 2022, the treatment hasn't been made available for use here by Novo Nordisk at least not yet.

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